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Wood River By-Election - June 26, 2000

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The Honourable P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
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Honourable Speaker:

Pursuant to section 286 of *The Election Act, 1996*, I am honoured to submit the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for the by-election held on June 26, 2000, in the provincial constituency of Wood River.

The Report presents by-election financial activities by registered political party and candidate. This Report also provides an overview of election administration and official voting results by polling division. Also included is summary data for election related expenditures of Elections Saskatchewan.

Respectfully submitted,

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Call of By-Election

On February 24, 2000, D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert, The Saskatchewan Party, pursuant to subsection 26(1) of *The Controverted Elections Act*, filed a petition in the Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench (the "Court"), seeking to set aside the electoral result pertaining to the judicial recount for the constituency of Wood River. On May 15, 2000, prior to appearing in Court, Mr. Glen McPherson, Saskatchewan Liberal Association, filed an Admission of Undue Election. As a result, the Wood River electoral result was declared null and void and was set aside on May 17, 2000 by Order of McLellan J. of the Court. On May 29, 2000, pursuant to an Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a Writ of Election was issued by the Chief Electoral Officer to Ms. Hazel Benison, constituency returning officer. The Writ ordered that the by-election be held on Monday, June 26, 2000. An Election Calendar for the Wood River by-election is included on the last page of the Official Report.

Prior to the June 26, 2000 by-election, standing in the Legislative Assembly included: 29 New Democrat, 25 Saskatchewan Party, 3 Liberal and 1 vacant.

Constituency Boundaries

The Wood River constituency boundary was enacted in 1994 under *The Representation Act, 1994*, on the recommendation of the Constituency Boundaries Commission, 1993, as established under *The Constituency Boundaries Act, 1993*. Polling divisions for purposes of the Wood River by-election included: fifty (50) regular polls and eight (8) personal care facilities. The Wood River constituency polling subdivision map and Directory of Communities are set out in Appendices I and VI, respectively.

Registered Political Party and Candidate Nomination

At the time of the Wood River by-election, the Office recognized the existence of five (5) political parties in the Register of Political Parties, as maintained pursuant to section 231 of *The Election Act, 1996* (the "Act"). On June 10, 2000, nomination of candidates concluded. At close of nomination, only four (4) of the Province's registered political parties nominated candidates, as follows:

Candidate	Registered Political Party[1]	Abbreviation
Robert Anderson	New Democratic Party, Sask. Section	New Democratic Party (N.D.P.)
Peter Borch	New Green Alliance	New Green Alliance (NGA)
Jerry Ruehs	Saskatchewan Liberal Association	Liberal
D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert	The Saskatchewan Party	The Saskatchewan Party

[1] The following Wood River By-Election Appendices abbreviate the names of the Province's registered political parties as follows: New Democratic Party, Sask. Section - N.D.P.; New Green Alliance - NGA; Saskatchewan Liberal Association - L.; The Saskatchewan Party - Sask.

Each of the registered political parties' chief official agents and candidate business managers for the by-election were as follows:

Registered Political Party	Chief Official Agent
New Democratic Party, Sask. Section	Steven Bobiash
New Green Alliance	Donna Nelson
Saskatchewan Liberal Association	F. William Johnson
The Saskatchewan Party	Donald Morgan

Candidate	Business Manager
Robert Anderson (N.D.P.)	James Benison
Peter Borch (NGA)	John Warnock
Jerry Ruehs (L.)	Paul J. Lewans
D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert (Sask.)	Gary Marlin

Enumeration

From the 29th of May through to the 7th of June, enumeration of eligible electors was conducted for the constituency's fifty-eight (58) polling divisions. Pursuant to section 26 of the Act, constituency enumerators sat on June 22, 2000 to make necessary revisions to the voters' lists. As a result of these efforts, 10,496 Wood River residents were declared eligible to vote, as established on the revised voters' list. In addition, pursuant to section 68 of the Act, eligible electors not included on the revised voters' list were entitled to vote by declaration.

Polling

On the 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th days of June, five (5) advance polls were conducted in the Wood River constituency. To facilitate electorate participation, special polling stations were established in two (2) hospitals. Regular polling stations were open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. CST on June 26, 2000, enabling the constituency's 10,496 eligible voters the opportunity to exercise their democratic franchise. Eligible voters unable to attend either a regular, special or advance poll were entitled to vote by absentee ballot.

Electoral Results

Unofficial electoral results were announced on the evening of June 26, 2000, resulting in Mr. D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert, Saskatchewan Party, being declared member elect. Deposits were forfeited by the Liberal, New Green Alliance and New Democratic Party candidates, pursuant to section 47 of the Act, for not obtaining at least one half of the total number of valid votes cast for the candidate elected.

On July 8, 2000, the constituency returning officer tabulated the results of votes cast in the advance polls, special provision polls and by absentee ballot. These figures were then reflected in the constituency results concluding the final count. Upon completion of the final count, on July 19, 2000, the constituency returning officer made a Return

to the Writ of Election. On August 4, 2000, the Office published in *The Saskatchewan Gazette* (Vol. 96, No. 31) notice of receipt of the Return to the Writ and the name of the candidate elected.

Registered Political Party and Candidate Financial Reporting

Pursuant to section 251 of the Act, audited Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses, Form E-524, were required to be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer within six (6) months of polling day (December 27, 2000). Under section 261 of the Act, candidates were required to file an audited Candidate's Return of Election Expenses, Form E-412, with the constituency returning officer, for subsequent forwarding to the Chief Electoral Officer, within three (3) months of the candidate returned being declared elected (October 9, 2000). Pursuant to the Act, the constituency returning officer published, in prescribed form, a summary of all returns respecting candidate election expenses prior to November 8, 2000.

i) Registered Political Parties

As a southern constituency, the maximum amount of money that could be spent by a registered political party in the Wood River by-election, as set out in section 243 of the Act, was, (a) the sum of $34,003.00 or (b) the sum obtained by multiplying the number of voters in the constituency (10,496) by $2.72, whichever sum was larger. A registered political party that endorsed a candidate who obtained fifteen (15) per cent or more of all valid votes cast in the by-election and whose chief official agent filed a Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses,[2] pursuant to section 264 of the Act, was entitled to receive a reimbursement of a portion of its election expenses from the Province's General Revenue Fund. The amount reimbursed to a qualifying political party was the lesser of either (a) $11,344.34 or (b) one third of its election expenses.

All participating parties in the Wood River by-election filed their duly audited Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses on or before December 27, 2000. Contributions made to political parties are not listed in the Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses but are set out in each party's fiscal period return, filed in accordance with section 250 of the Act. Appendix II sets out a summary of eligible expenses incurred by the registered political parties in Wood River and the amounts paid in respect of each party who qualified for reimbursement.

ii) Candidates

Candidates seeking election in Wood River were limited in the amount of money that they could expend. Again, as a southern constituency, a candidate seeking election was entitled to spend, pursuant to section 252 of the Act, either (a) the sum of $40,804.00 or (b) the sum obtained by multiplying the number of eligible voters in the constituency by $2.72, whichever sum was larger. A candidate who obtained fifteen (15) per cent or more of all valid votes cast in Wood River and whose business manager filed with the constituency returning officer a Candidate's Return of Election Expenses,[3] pursuant to section 265 of the Act, was entitled to reimbursement of a portion of their eligible election expenses. The amount reimbursed to a qualifying candidate was an amount equal to one half of the candidate's election expenses to a maximum of $20,402.00.

[2] Pursuant to subsection 267(3) of the Act, auditing services rendered in respect of preparation of a report pertaining to a Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses is eligible for a maximum reimbursable allowance of $2,089.00.

[3] Pursuant to subsection 267(6) of the Act, auditing services rendered in respect of preparation of a report pertaining to a Candidate's Return of Election Expenses is eligible for a maximum reimbursable allowance of $678.00.

All candidates filed their returns respecting contributions received and election expenses incurred in the course of the by-election, duly audited, on or before October 9, 2000. On the 29th of December, 2000, the Office published in *The Saskatchewan Gazette* (Vol. 96, No. 52) a summary of candidate contributions received and expenditures incurred in Wood River, as well as the amounts paid in respect of each candidate who qualified for reimbursement. Such contributions, expenditures and reimbursements are reported in Appendix III.

Orders and Authorizations of the Chief Electoral Officer

The Chief Electoral Officer may make exceptions to the Act's financial reporting provisions for election purposes for both registered political parties and candidates. In such instances, the Act under subsection 286(1), mandates that the Chief Electoral Officer report on the situation and events surrounding the order or authorization granted.

Pursuant to subsection 251(4) of the Act, the Chief Electoral Officer may, by order, grant relief to a registered political party whereby their election expenses return contained an error or omission. In this regard, on December 27, 2000, the Chief Electoral Officer granted such an order to the New Democratic Party, Sask. Section. Further to the Chief Electoral Officer's authority under subsection 262(7) of the Act, two authorizations were granted rectifying omissions to individual Candidate's Return of Election Expenses - Robert Anderson, New Democratic Party, Sask. Section and D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert, The Saskatchewan Party. See Appendix IV for the particulars regarding the aforementioned order and authorizations.

Elections Saskatchewan Expenditures

The total cost of conducting the June 26, 2000 by-election in Wood River was $139,095.76. This figure is inclusive of, and reported by, administrative and constituency expenditure. See Appendix V for an itemization of particular expenditures incurred in each of these two categories. Should further constituency expenditure specifics be required, refer to the Detail of Expenditures *The Election Act, 1996* Provincial Constituencies Fiscal Year 2000-2001, tabled in the Legislative Assembly on November 15, 2001.

Documentation

Pursuant to section 232 of the Act, the Chief Electoral Officer is obliged to hold, in addition to the information contained in the Register of Political Parties, all original financial particulars concerning registered political parties' fiscal period and election expenses documentation for the purposes of public inspection. Also held are the returns and the original financial documentation regarding individual candidate election expenses, pursuant to section 262 of the Act. Such information is available for public inspection during regular office hours at Elections Saskatchewan.

Election Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Writ of Election:		**-34** May 23	**-33** May 24	**-32** May 25	**-31** May 26	**-30** May 27
Minimum Writ Period: (28 days) The minimum number of days between issue of the Writ of Election and Nomination Day is 11 clear days. (The date fixed for issuing the Writ of Election and the date fixed for Nomination Day are to be excluded (clause 31(3)(b) and subsection (4)).						
Maximum Writ Period: (34 days) The maximum number of days between issue of the Writ of Election and Nomination Day is 17 clear days. (The date fixed for issuing the Writ of Election and the date fixed for Nomination Day are to be excluded (clause 31(3)(b) and subsection (4)).						
-29 May 29	**-28** May 30	**-27** May 30	**-26** May 31	**-25** June 1	**-24** June 2	**-23** June 3
	WRIT ISSUES Date of issue of Writ of Election Commence accepting nomination of candidates Enumeration Schools s. 31(2), (3)(b); s. 44		Print election Proclamation	Enumeration	Begin monitoring each enumerator's progress	Last day to post election Proclamation • Returning Officer's Office • Post Offices in constituency s. 34(3)
-22 June 4	**-21** June 5	**-20** June 6	**-19** June 7	**-18** June 8	**-17** June 9	**-16** June 10
Check completed E-200A and begin data entry of preliminary voters' lists		Photocopy secondary voters lists (E-200) to be distributed to each candidate as available	Enumeration completed; telephone C.E.O. with number of names enumerated	Commence selection of voters to act as deputy returning officers, poll clerks and alternates	Reproduction of secondary Voters' Lists completed (-18) Forward 3 copies (5 copies - Northern constituencies) of each polling division list to enumerator; 10 copies including disk copy to known candidates; 5 copies to C.E.O. s. 25(1)(a), (b); s. 139(5)	**NOMINATION DAY** Facsimile/Telephone C.E.O. re: candidates • Furnish to Candidates list of candidates and enumerators s. 31(3)(b) s. 35(3); s. 44(1); s. 51(1)
-15 June 11	**-14** June 12	**-13** June 13	**-12** June 14	**-11** June 15	**-10** June 16	**-9** June 17
Arrange for publication of candidates' nominated Arrange for printing of ballots s. 35; s. 51(2)	Secondary Voters' Lists, including list of enumerators, to be publicly displayed in the head office of (rural - each municipality in the constituency or urban - the municipality in which the constituency is situated) and in the constituency Returning Officer's Office (approximately sixteen (16) days before election day) • Commence accepting revisions to the secondary Voters' Lists s. 25(1)(b)		Last day to receive Absentee Voter Applications s. 97(3)	Furnish to deputy returning officers (advance and regular polls) and candidates list of absentee voters to whom ballot paper was forwarded s. 88(3), (5)	D.R.O. Schools	
-8 June 18	**-7** June 19	**-6** June 20	**-5** June 21	**-4** June 22	**-3** June 23	**-2** June 24
Election officials and campaign workers should be encouraged to vote at advance poll Last day for applicant voter to receive absentee ballot paper and related materials, if mailed s. 88(2)(b)	Last day for applicant voter to receive absentee ballot paper and related materials, if delivered s. 88(2)(a)	**ADVANCE POLL** **3 p.m. - 10 p.m. C.S.T.** s. 132(a)	**ADVANCE POLL** **3 p.m. - 10 p.m. C.S.T.** s. 132(a)	**ADVANCE POLL** **3 p.m. - 10 p.m. C.S.T.** **REVISION DAY** **2 p.m. - 10 p.m. C.S.T.** s. 26; s. 132(a)	**ADVANCE POLL** **3 p.m. - 10 p.m. C.S.T.** Prepare to receive enumerators' expense claims s. 132(a)	**ADVANCE POLL** **12 noon - 7 p.m. C.S.T.** Deadline for enumerator to deliver official Voters' List to deputy returning officer s. 26(3); s. 132(a)
-1 June 25	**0** June 26	**+1** June 27	**+2** June 28	**+3** June 29	**+4** June 30	**+5** July 1
Receive advance poll voter information and forward to applicable deputy returning officers	**ELECTION DAY** **9 a.m. - 8 p.m. C.S.T.** Ensure arrangements for the display and tabulation of unofficial results Facsimile/Telephone results of election to C.E.O. s. 82	Ensure all ballot boxes and election materials are received from deputy returning officers	Prepare to receive deputy returning officers', poll clerks', etc. expense claims			**CANADA DAY** Last day for forwarding Imprest Account and related financial materials to C.E.O.
+6 July 2	**+7** July 3	**+8** July 4	**+9** July 5	**+10** July 6	**+11** July 7	**+12** July 8
				12 noon deadline for receipt of absentee voter certificate envelopes (postmarked not later than 8 p.m. on election day) s. 89(5)(b), (c)		**FINAL COUNT** by Returning Officer s. 31(3)(e); s. 145
+13 July 9	**+14** July 10	**+15** July 11	**+16** July 12	**+17** July 13	**+18** July 14	**+19** July 15
	Collection of ballot boxes and election materials by C.E.O. • Vacate office space		Last day to request a recount or an addition 155(2)(c)			
+20 July 16	**+21** July 17	**+22** July 18	**+23** July 19	**+24** July 20	**+25** July 21	**+26** July 22
			RETURN TO THE WRIT Forward election Return and other documents to C.E.O. s. 31(3)(f); s. 171			

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Vote Summary by Constituency Polling Division: Wood River

Appendix I

Polling Location			Votes Cast For				Ballots	
Poll No.	Name	Eligible Voters	Jerry Rushs L.	Robert Anderson N.D.P.	Peter Borch NGA	D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert Sask.	Total Counted	Rejected
1	Coronach Rural	83	4	1	2	35	42	2
2	Coronach South West	327	17	24	36	90	167	-
3	Coronach North East	229	16	20	11	84	131	-
4	Fife Lake	143	4	7	5	74	90	-
5	Rockglen Rural	182	7	15	7	82	111	-
6	Rockglen South	69	1	7	3	39	50	-
7	Rockglen North	270	17	29	6	136	188	4
8	Killdeer	132	5	1	3	85	94	-
9	Fir Mountain	183	17	17	4	100	138	-
10	Wood Mountain	136	5	8	1	71	85	-
11	Scout Lake	114	6	14	4	53	77	1
12	Willow Bunch Rural	159	5	9	6	52	72	-
13	Willow Bunch	276	25	43	15	76	159	2
14	Davyroyd	139	6	4	4	83	97	-
15	Congress	107	5	8	11	48	72	-
16	Assiniboia Rural	249	20	34	6	84	144	-
17	Assiniboia North West	151	17	20	3	47	87	-
18	Assiniboia Centre West	267	26	41	9	69	145	1
19	Assiniboia Centre South	301	29	42	8	92	171	-
20	Assiniboia South	314	24	42	12	122	200	-
21	Assiniboia Centre South East	200	23	35	5	87	150	-
22	Assiniboia Centre	264	26	42	6	103	177	-
23	Assiniboia East	247	18	30	7	56	111	1
24	Limerick	307	16	35	4	136	191	3
25	Lafleche Rural	258	12	27	12	127	178	2
26	Lafleche East	173	21	16	5	76	118	-
27	Lafleche West	163	20	9	10	73	112	-
28	Meyronne	172	17	14	7	83	121	-
29	Kincaid	184	8	19	2	66	95	1
30	Hazenmore	228	39	11	1	115	166	-
31	Ponteix Rural	264	19	8	6	86	49	-
32	Ponteix East	207	32	14	7	64	117	3
33	Ponteix West	193	36	14	12	53	115	1
34	Cadillac	265	6	15	9	161	191	1
35	Admiral	156	12	21	15	58	106	1
36	Simmie	231	2	17	6	77	104	-
37	Shaunavon Rural North	171	5	16	2	58	82	-
38	Shaunavon East	218	17	22	12	65	116	-
39	Shaunavon South	217	5	31	18	56	110	1
40	Shaunavon Centre	320	23	38	25	80	166	3
41	Shaunavon North	249	15	38	11	71	135	-
42	Shaunavon West	242	3	51	9	78	141	1
43	Shaunavon Rural South	163	5	34	6	61	106	-
44	Climax Rural	200	3	6	7	124	140	1
45	Climax	151	8	12	9	84	113	1
46	Val Marie	103	5	10	5	37	57	4
47	Val Marie Rural	254	5	4	4	98	111	-
48	Mankota	188	15	12	7	108	142	-
49	Mankota Rural	246	19	10	5	149	183	1
50	McCord	210	10	15	4	121	150	1
	Assiniboia Pioneer Lodge, Assiniboia	35	7	5	1	4	17	-
	Ross Payant Nursing Home, Assiniboia	57	2	-	-	3	5	-
	Coronach and District Health Centre, Coronach	13	-	1	2	3	6	-
	Lafleche and District Health Centre, Lafleche	15	1	-	-	4	5	-
	Prairie View Health Centre, Mankota	18	3	-	-	8	11	-
	Foyer St. Joseph Nursing Home, Ponteix	30	5	2	-	-	7	-
	Grasslands Health Centre, Rockglen	15	1	1	-	3	5	-
	Shaunavon Hospital and Care Centre (I), Shaunavon	38	4	9	1	4	18	-
	Assiniboia Advance		20	50	7	105	182	-
	Coronach Advance		2	6	6	18	32	-
	Ponteix Advance		5	7	-	14	26	1
	Shaunavon Advance		9	35	14	27	85	-
	Val Marie Advance		3	-	2	36	41	-
	Absentee Ballots		1	1	1	3	6	-
	Hospital/Remand Ballots		6	6	-	8	20	-
	Totals	10,496	778	1,142	431	4,384	6,735	37
	Candidate Elected - D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert							
	Plurality	3,242						
	% Who Voted	64.52%						
	% By Party		11.55%	16.96%	6.40%	65.09%		

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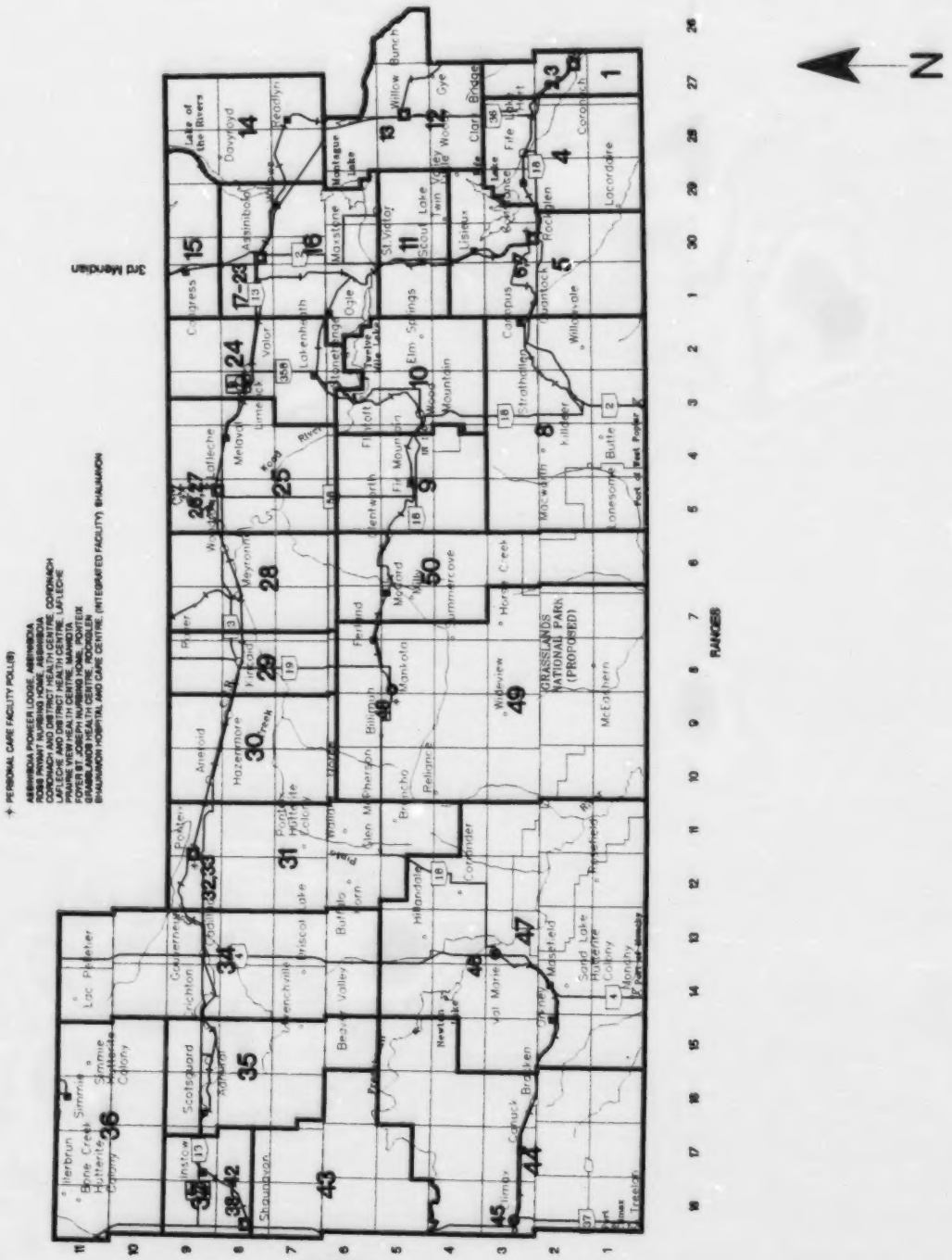
Constituency of Wood River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GRASSLANDS NATIONAL PARK (PROPOSED)

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Summary of Expenses Incurred and Reimbursements Paid: Registered Political Parties

Registered Political Party	Maximum Expenses Allowable	Petty Expenses	Hire of Premises	Advertising
Liberal	34,003.00	–	–	–
New Democratic Party (N.D.P.)	34,003.00	–	–	–
New Green Alliance (NGA)	34,003.00	–	–	–
The Saskatchewan Party	34,003.00	3,280.13	–	1,056.99
Totals	136,012.00	3,280.13	–	1,056.99

(a) Unpaid claims, if paid, are included in the total of expenses used for the calculation of reimbursement; disputed claims are not.
(b) Party failed to qualify for reimbursement pursuant to subsection 264(1) of *The Election Act, 1996*.

Services	Goods Supplied	Travel and Hire of Vehicle	Unpaid or Disputed Claims(a)	Total of Expenses	Amount of Reimbursement
500.00	169.48	–	–	669.48	(b)
32.56	–	234.53	134.06	401.15	133.72
–	–	–	–	–	(b)
4,536.15	–	–	–	8,873.27	2,957.76
5,068.71	169.48	234.53	134.06	9,943.90	3,091.48

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Summary of Contributions Received, Expenses Incurred and Reimbursements Paid: Candidates and Business Managers

Candidate	Contributions Received	Maximum Expenses Allowable	Candidate's Personal Expenses(a)	Candidate's Campaign Expenses	Petty Expenses	Hire of Premises
Wood River						
(Eligible Voters - 10,496)						
Jerry Ruehs (L.)	6,427.27	40,804.00	1,062.65	–	1,151.03	728.50
Robert Anderson (N.D.P.)	42,856.33	40,804.00	–	–	1,859.84	735.00
Peter Borch (NGA)	7,348.42	40,804.00	29.51	274.22	42.79	507.00
D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert (Sask.)	29,882.58	40,804.00	–	2,618.05	133.33	650.00
Totals	86,514.60	163,216.00	1,092.16	2,892.27	3,186.99	2,620.50

(a) Candidate's personal expenses are not included in the total of expenses.
(b) Unpaid claims, if paid, are included in the total of expenses used for the calculation of reimbursement; disputed claims are not.
(c) Candidate failed to qualify for reimbursement pursuant to subsection 265(1) of *The Election Act, 1996*.

Advertising	Services	Goods Supplied	Travel and Hire of Vehicle	Unpaid or Disputed Claims(b)	Total of Expenses	Amount of Reimbursement
478.05	1,721.14	2,252.70	–	–	6,331.42	(c)
4,442.14	22,462.20	5,064.95	–	276.86	34,840.99	17,420.50
1,760.32	591.42	3,940.62	–	–	7,116.37	(c)
7,184.81	8,774.94	5,530.08	–	238.20	25,129.41	12,564.71
13,865.32	33,549.70	16,788.35	–	515.06	73,418.19	29,985.21

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ORDER OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Circumstances in which application was made:

Pursuant to section 251 of *The Election Act, 1996* (the "Act"), the New Democratic Party, Sask. Section incurred an election expense in the Constituency of Wood River by-election on June 23, 2000. However, this expense was not paid until December 14, 2000. As such, the expense is a disputed claim pursuant to subsection 247(1) of the Act.

In my opinion, this circumstance makes the following authorization necessary:

Application of order:

This order of the Chief Electoral Officer applies to the following:

Steven Bobiash, Chief Official Agent, New Democratic Party, Sask. Section, attended the constituency of Wood River to participate in by-election proceedings.

Exception provided by order:

Pursuant to subsection 251(4) of the Act, the Chief Electoral Officer grants the New Democratic Party, Sask. Section's application filed December 22, 2000, pursuant to subsection 251(2) of the Act. Specifically, the aforementioned expense shall be included in Expenses, (g) Undisputed Claims Unpaid, Registered Political Party's Return of Election Expenses (Form E-524) and reimbursed accordingly.

Janice G. Baker
Chief Electoral Officer

December 27, 2000
Order Number: **ORD:001/2000**

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AUTHORIZATION OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Circumstances in which application was made:

Pursuant to section 261 of *The Election Act, 1996* (the "Act"), the Robert Anderson campaign incurred election expenses in the Constituency of Wood River by-election on June 19, 2000. However, these expenses were not paid until November 3, 2000. As such, the expenses are disputed claims pursuant to subsection 258(1) of the Act.

In my opinion, this circumstance makes the following authorization necessary:

Application of authorization:

This authorization of the Chief Electoral Officer applies to the following:

The Robert Anderson campaign incurred advertising expenses pursuant to June 19, 2000 advertisements in the Gravelbourg Tribune for which same were not paid until November 3, 2000.

Exception provided by authorization:

Pursuant to subsection 262(7) of the Act, the Chief Electoral Officer grants the Robert Anderson campaign's application filed November 3, 2000, pursuant to subsection 262(6) of the Act. Specifically, the aforementioned expenses shall be included in Part II, Expenses, (h) Undisputed Claims Unpaid, Candidate's Return of Election Expenses (Form E-412) and reimbursed accordingly.

Janice G. Baker
Chief Electoral Officer

December 8, 2000
Authorization Number: **AUTH:001/2000**

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OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Province of Saskatchewan

AUTHORIZATION OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Circumstances in which application was made:

Pursuant to section 261 of *The Election Act, 1996* (the "Act"), the D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert campaign incurred an election expense in the Constituency of Wood River by-election on June 19, 2000. However, this expense was not invoiced until December 1, 2000. As such, the expense is a disputed claim pursuant to subsection 258(1) of the Act.

In my opinion, this circumstance makes the following authorization necessary:

Application of authorization:

This authorization of the Chief Electoral Officer applies to the following:

The D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert campaign incurred an advertising expense pursuant to a June 19, 2000 advertisement in the Gravelbourg Tribune for which same was not invoiced until December 1, 2000.

Exception provided by authorization:

Pursuant to subsection 262(7) of the Act, the Chief Electoral Officer grants the D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert campaign's application filed December 6, 2000, pursuant to subsection 262(6) of the Act. Specifically, the aforementioned expense shall be included in Part II, Expenses, (h) Undisputed Claims Unpaid, Candidate's Return of Election Expenses (Form E-412) and reimbursed accordingly.

Janice G. Baker
Chief Electoral Officer

December 8, 2000
Authorization Number: **AUTH:002/2000**

By-Election: Constituency of Wood River

I. Elections Saskatchewan	
A) Administration	
(i) Telephones	$ 37.37
(ii) Advertising	31,179.63
(iii) Information Technology	795.00
(iv) Postal/Courier/Freight	111.80
(v) Travel/Business	160.70
B) Registered Political Parties	
(i) Reimbursement of Registered Political Parties' Election Expenses	3,091.48
(ii) Reimbursement of Auditors' Fees	1,808.00
Elections Saskatchewan Expenditure	$37,183.98
II. Constituency	
A) Election Officials	
(i) Returning Officer	$ 4,340.00
(ii) Election Clerk	3,000.00
(iii) Enumerators	18,571.39
(iv) Polls (Officials/Rental of Space)	28,754.06
B) Administration	
(i) General Contractual Services	1,444.14
(ii) Rent of Ground/Buildings/Office Space	1,120.00
(iii) Rent of Office Equipment	129.94
(iv) Telephones	2,154.13
(v) Miscellaneous Materials/Supplies	84.16
(vi) Postal/Courier/Freight	224.00
(vii) Advertising	3,304.05
(viii) Printing/Duplicating (Ballots/Proclamation/Voters' List)	3,879.07
(ix) Travel/Business	2,719.79
C) Candidates	
(i) Reimbursement of Candidates' Election Expenses	29,985.21
(ii) Reimbursement of Auditors' Fees	2,201.84
Constituency Expenditure	$101,911.78
Total By-Election Expenditures	**$139,095.76**

Eligible Voters 10,496
Cost Per Voter $13.25 (13.252264)

Community	
Admiral	Village
Aneroid	Village
Assiniboia	Town
Bracken	Village
Cadillac	Village
Canopus	Hamlet
Canuck	Hamlet
Climax	Village
Congress	Organized Hamlet
Constance	Hamlet
Coronach	Town
Ferland	Hamlet
Fife Lake	Village
Fir Mountain	Hamlet
Glentworth	Hamlet
Hazenmore	Village
Instow	Hamlet
Kincaid	Village
Lafleche	Town
Lakenheath	Hamlet
Limerick	Village
Lisieux	Organized Hamlet
Mankota	Village
Masefield	Hamlet
McCord	Organized Hamlet
Melaval	Hamlet
Meyronne	Village
Orkney	Organized Hamlet
Ponteix	Town
Readlyn	Hamlet
Rockglen	Town
Scotsguard	Hamlet
Scout Lake	Organized Hamlet
Shaunavon	Town
Simmie	Organized Hamlet
St. Victor	Village
Stonehenge	Hamlet
Val Marie	Village
Willow Bunch	Town
Willows	Hamlet
Wood Mountain	Village
Woodrow	Village